

# Hawaii MARINE

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Colonel Joseph Medina, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment, speaks with Maj. Steven Stockley, the commanding officer of the 1st Royal Australian Regiment, during Operation Golden Eagle, which lasts from July 22-Aug. 21.

## Operation Golden Eagle brings 1/3, Aussies together

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
Combat Correspondent

Over the past two weeks, Warriors from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and the 1st Royal Australian Regiment have been conducting training aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and around the island of Oahu.

What was originally supposed to be a facet of the recently concluded Rim of the Pacific Exercise that took place here last month, the Australians from Charlie Co., 1st RAR arrived late to the island because of logistical complications and stayed to train with the Marines of Alpha Co. 1/3.

The training exercise was dubbed Operation Golden Eagle.

The 118 Charlie Co. Australian Soldiers arrived aboard the base July 22, where they immediately began training. The company is not set to return to Australia until Aug. 21.

"It's been a really good opportunity for our Marines to get familiar with someone they could potentially work with in a real-world situation," said 1st Lt. Stephen Lucking, training officer for 1/3. "We have learned a lot from each other, and it's been interesting to see the way things have been working out."

While training together, the Marines and Soldiers have covered a variety of different training exercises including martial arts, fast roping, small unit tactics, amphibious operations and live-fire raids.

Alpha Co., 1/3 and the Australians also provided training demonstrations for visiting Japanese officials and participated in an outdoor sports day, in which they competed against one another.

"I know that the Australians have really enjoyed this opportunity and so have our Marines," said Lucking. "I think all this has gone very well and we welcome a chance to do this kind of training any time we can."

## Heroes thwart drownings aboard K-Bay

**Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora**  
Press Chief

Just another Saturday at the links, for a regular four-some turned dire as they finished hole 15 at the Klipper Golf Course.

In the crashing waves off the 16th tee box, the former deputy commander for MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay noticed something was not right. Without hesitation, retired Col. John A. LeMoine went into action when he saw what appeared to be a child struggling in the waters just off shore in an area not normally frequented by swimmers.

Noticing this particular area of the beach was without lifeguard supervision, LeMoine instinctively kicked off his golf shoes and emptied his pockets while running toward the waters break. He immersed himself into the crystal blue waters toward the endangered little girl.

"While walking up to the 16th tee, you could tell that the child was struggling," said LeMoine. "The kid seemed relieved when I began wading out."

The recovery effort was not that easy though. LeMoine remarked that he really struggled against the tide as he tried to get the youngster ashore. He had to avoid the treacherous rock formations to

move with the current.

Another factor LeMoine had to deal with was the depth of the water. Struggling to reach the girl, he noticed how deep the water was and called for the assistance of Master Sgt. Jerry C. Gambrell, administration chief, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Forces Pacific, who helped LeMoine bring the child safely ashore.

"LeMoine was a hero that day," said Gambrell. "The base would have had a tragic event if it weren't for his actions."

The girl's family finally caught up. They were staying in the BOQ on base, while vacationing in Hawaii and allowed the 10-year-old to depart just a few minutes before.

LeMoine finished the last three holes soaking wet, with a sense of relief that he had pulled the child to safety.

Later that same day, around 1 p.m., two lifeguards from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, saved two children from a potential drowning at Pyramid Rock when both were swept away by a strong rip tide that sucked them 60 feet from shore.

Luke Szarmach, 14 and his sister Maria, 11 were playing in the shallow end of Pyramid Rock's waters when a rip tide forced them out to sea near a

See HEROES, A-6

## Warriors depart for "The Rock"



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

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Combat Correspondent

Twenty-seven Marines and one Sailor from 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, departed from Honolulu International Airport to Okinawa on Tuesday and Wednesday.

These Island Warriors are the advance party for 2/3, which will deploy more than 700 service members to "The Rock" during the month of September.

"The advance party ensures the smooth transition of the main body when it arrives which then allows for the rapid attainment of combat readiness at the new location," said Maj. Paul L. Muller, executive officer, 2/3.

While deployed to Okinawa, Marines from 2/3 will undergo training at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, perform bi-lateral training with South Koreans during the Korean Incremental Training Program, and execute Ground-Air Integrated Training with the Malaysian Army.

"This deployment will give us some training not available here in Hawaii," said Muller. "Particularly, train in every clime and place. We're going to get everything from hot-wet jungles, moderately, to cold weather."

The Warriors from 2/3 will be deployed to Okinawa till early spring.

The culmination of this training can only result in a fully combat ready battalion, said Muller, ready to respond to any crisis.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

The rescue water craft and safety signs are a reminder that anything can happen, and its important to stay aware while having a safe and fun day out in the sun.

Gunnery Sgt. Tim Wilkinson, company gunnery sergeant for Fox Co. 2/3, hugs his family goodbye prior to leaving to Okinawa, Japan for advanced party.

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### BAYFEST TRAFFIC ROUTING

All residential and non-Bayfest Traffic are highly encouraged to use the Back Gate for the duration of the weekend.

Back Gate hours will be extended until 12 a.m. tonight, Saturday, and Sunday nights for MCB Hawaii residential traffic.

Be aware of event traffic and changing traffic patterns.

Be aware of increased traffic flow and be especially vigilant with children at play.

### MARINE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Whether you are retired, serving in the reserves or served way back when for one tour of duty, if you have a photo of yourself in uniform and one of yourself post active-duty, Marine For Life is looking for "before and after" photos for a promotional video currently in production.

The video will be shown to Marine Corps leadership, Marine-affiliated organizations, transitioning Marines and Marine-friendly employers.

Photos must be received by Aug. 30. Electronic copies are preferred. Email them to [MarineForLife@MarineCorps.com](mailto:MarineForLife@MarineCorps.com). Please provide only two photos per email.

All Hardcopy photos will be returned:

Marine For Life  
3280 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134  
Attn: Video photos

For more information, contact Maj. Whitney Mason at (703) 614-4309/784-9140 or e-mail [masonw@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:masonw@hqmc.usmc.mil).

### MARINE CORPS MARATHON

For 24 years, the All-Marine Marathon Team has competed against the British Royal Navy/Marines at the Marine Corps Marathon. The team that wins the challenge wins the coveted Challenge Cup. In Addition, the All-Marine team competes against our sister services in the Armed Forces event. This year, the Marine Corps is determined to beat the British Royal Navy/Marines and take back the Challenge Cup and also the Armed Forces title. We are looking for male runners with a sub 2:55 marathon time, and female runners with a sub 3:30 time, to try out for the All-Marine Marathon team. Marines should visit the Marine Corps Community Services web site at [www.usmc-mccs.org/running](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/running) for more information.

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## CG'S MAIL BOX

*"...maybe the streets need to be swept more frequently..."*



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

Submitted by Paula W. Ross, MCB Hawaii family member

Dear Sir,

My husband and our family moved to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay in February 2001. Since our move here, we have been experiencing problems with nails and screws in our tires. I feel this is a result of the building projects aboard K-Bay.

In the past 15 months, my husband has had 8 occurrences of nails or screws in his tires. The most recent was on July 6, which required the purchase of two new tires due to the inability to repair the tire.

As you know, if you have tires with low tread, you cannot mix new tread with old due to balancing problems. My 17-year-old son has had three incidences of nails and screws in his tires, one this weekend and one two weeks ago.

His first one was a nail close enough to the side wall that he had to have two new tires as well. Our neighbor also had a screw in his tire this weekend. They have had two other incidences in the last 6 months as well.

I was at the 7-Day store this past week and saw a young couple with a baby having the same problem. This has become an expensive problem for our family and others as well as a major safety concern. Firestone is having great profit off of MCBH families due to this issue.

My husband has followed the proper chain of command regarding this problem. However, he got no where with it. He did talk to the street sweeper and all he told him was that he understood because he's having the same problem. I'm not sure what the solution is other than maybe the streets need to be swept more frequently. But I do feel that something needs to be done. It's been a financial burden on us. I can imagine what it must be like for the families that are E-4 and below with children struggling to get by here in Hawaii where things are ridiculously expensive to begin with. I look forward to

your response to this matter.

V/R Paula W. Ross

Dear Mrs. Ross,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and to respond to your email of July 7, since your recommendation falls within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you've taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

The Family Housing Department has contacted the Navy's Resident Officer In Charge of Construction, and the contractor of the housing replacement construction project to inform them of the problems you have been experiencing.

They have assured Family Housing that nails, screws and other debris and objects that may cause tire damage will be removed each day from the construction site and adjoining streets.

Streets in our Family Housing area and throughout the base are swept once a week. We will continue to monitor streets and order additional sweeping as needed.

Family Housing has also contacted the Traffic Management Office and the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office to make them aware of the problem. They have assured Family Housing that the Moving and Storage companies that do business on the base will make sure they pick up any nails they may inadvertently drop from shipping crates.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. If you have any additional problems regarding this issue, please contact Ms. Lydia Caldwell at 257-5933.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kent Murata, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

The Family Housing Department will be working in conjunction with the housing replacement project and the Traffic Management Office to monitor and remove nails, screws and other debris that cause damage for K-Bay motorists.

*(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm).

## Load it up, comrades!



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

A Russian AN-124 aircraft landed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Monday. The aircraft stopped here to pick up two CH-53D Sea Stallion Helicopters from HMT-301. The Russian cargo plane departed base the same afternoon bound for The Republic of Korea.

# MarForPac Sgt. Maj. wears two hats

**Staff Sgt Jerry Ray**  
MarCent Public Affairs

Sergeant Maj. Royce G. Coffee became Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major and Marine Forces Central Command Sergeant Major on April 19. These two billets soon carried him more than 8,500 miles from home to the island kingdom of Bahrain and the Marine Forces Central Command headquarters deployed there.

While deployed, Sgt. Maj. Coffee spoke about supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Our Nation is at war," he said. "As Marines, we must be prepared to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at a moment's notice. Every Marine, and every Sailor serving beside us, has to be physically and mentally ready to take on any challenge that comes our way.

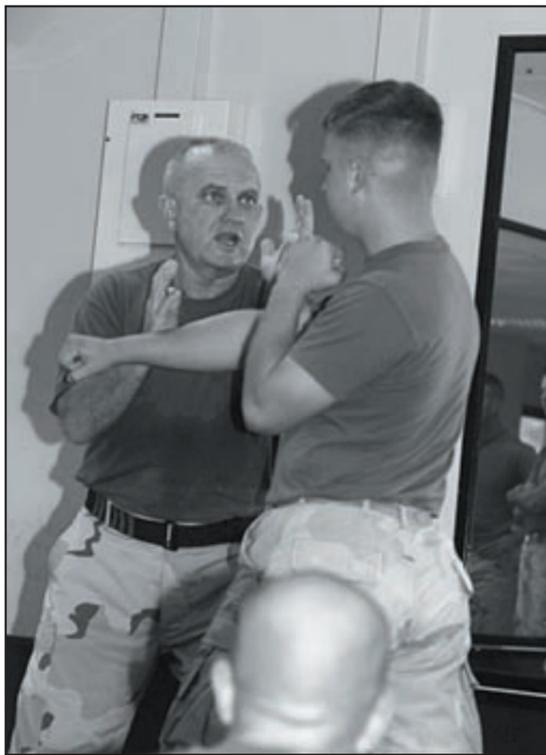
"All of our personal affairs have to be in order, with our family members cared for, so they can support us in our mission."

"Marines have always answered the nation's call, and we are doing so now. We will continue to fight until we have defeated terrorism," emphasized Coffee. "A new chapter in Marine Corps history is being written. When the last page is done, our performance will once again show that U.S. Marines have fought and won, enduring any sacrifices to defend our precious freedom."

Now, nearly two months later, said Coffee's dual billets have brought him back to the Hawaii headquarters of the Marine Forces Pacific command where he recently discussed his goals for the command during his tour.

"My ultimate focus," said Sgt. Maj. Coffee, "is on making sure that when our Marines and Sailors are tasked to do something, they have all the training we can give them; they have functional equipment that will get the job done; and their families are in such shape that [the Marines and Sailors] can focus on what they have to do."

While the Corps' leadership goals will guide him, said Coffee, he also recognizes that he will need a team effort to share knowledge and get



Staff Sgt. Jerry Ray

**Sergeant Maj. Royce G. Coffee demonstrates martial arts tactics for Marines in Bahrain during a period of instruction in Marine Corps martial training July 27.**

everyone trained.

"To be successful in my job, I have to have the support and input from the sergeants major and master gunnery sergeants throughout the command," said Coffee.

"It needs to be the senior enlisted personnel who act as mentors and teachers and help get training down to the lowest levels."

This is so "not because we're (necessarily) smarter or stronger or faster," he continued, "(but) simply because we've gained a great deal of experience throughout our professional careers. At the same time, the senior enlisted need to listen, because many ideas come from the bottom up."

An example of that experience for Sgt. Maj. Coffee can be seen in his martial arts training.

He has been training in the martial arts since 1960, and has trained in tae kwondo, aikido, hapkido, jujitsu, kobudo, escrima, gung fu, and karate.

He has attained a sixth degree black belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and thinks this is one of the best programs to ever be implemented in the Marine Corps.

Sergeant Maj. Coffee enjoys being able to get a group of Marines together for martial arts instruction so he can pass on some of his knowledge acquired through the years.

"What we try to do," said Coffee, discussing MCMAP training, "is not only teach Marines the physical techniques, but also teach them how to be ethical."

He goes on to say that most of what we do in the Marine Corps is of a martial nature. The art comes with the mental and the character development - the discipline.

It's this and other types of training that Sgt. Maj. Coffee wants to be able to offer to all Marines in the command with the help of the other sergeants major and master gunnery sergeants.

In addition to training, Coffee is also focused on the safety of the command's Marines and Sailors.

"Statistics show we have the youngest force in the [Department of Defense]," said Coffee, talking about the average age of Marines.

"[The statistics] also show us to have the highest number of work and off-duty related accidents and deaths," he continued, speaking about Marine Corps safety statistics as a whole.

Safety isn't the only issue affecting the issue of troop welfare. Morale can also keep the Marines from being able to focus on the mission.

According to Sergeant Maj. Coffee, leaders need to concentrate efforts on getting single Marines and Sailors involved in the Single Marine Program.

Leaders also need to make sure married Marines and Sailors are aware of and involved in the different family programs in Marine Corps Community Services.

"Having been a Marine for the majority of my adult life, I fully recognize all the sacrifices - the family separations, the danger, the austere living conditions," said Coffee in a message to Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Pacific.

"I understand every bit of that, because I have lived through that myself."

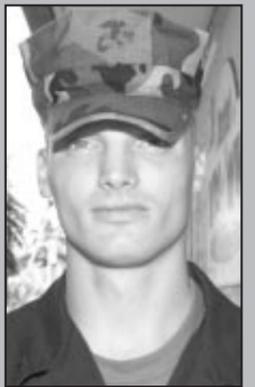
## WORD ON THE STREET

*"What is your goal in the Marine Corps?"*



"To teach junior Marines under my charge the knowledge and experiences I have had or will have while I'm in the Corps."

**Lance Cpl. Daniel Weathersby**  
Team leader,  
Charlie Co.,  
1/3



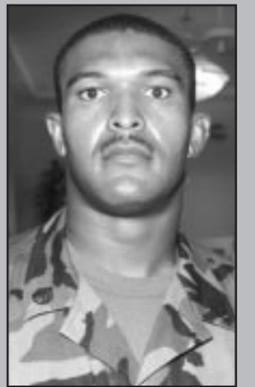
"Go to college while on active duty, get my degree, and eventually become an AAV's platoon commander."

**PFC Jason Lott**  
Amphibious assault vehicle crewman,  
Combat Support Co., 3rd Marine Regiment



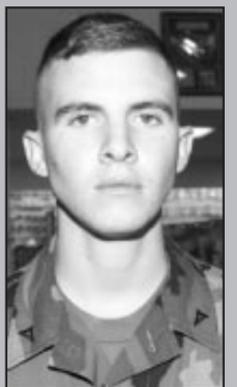
"Complete a Bachelors Degree in English and basically become a better person inside and out."

**Lance Cpl. Gwendolyn Williams**  
Administration clerk, G-1, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay



"To better myself as an individual as well as a Marine."

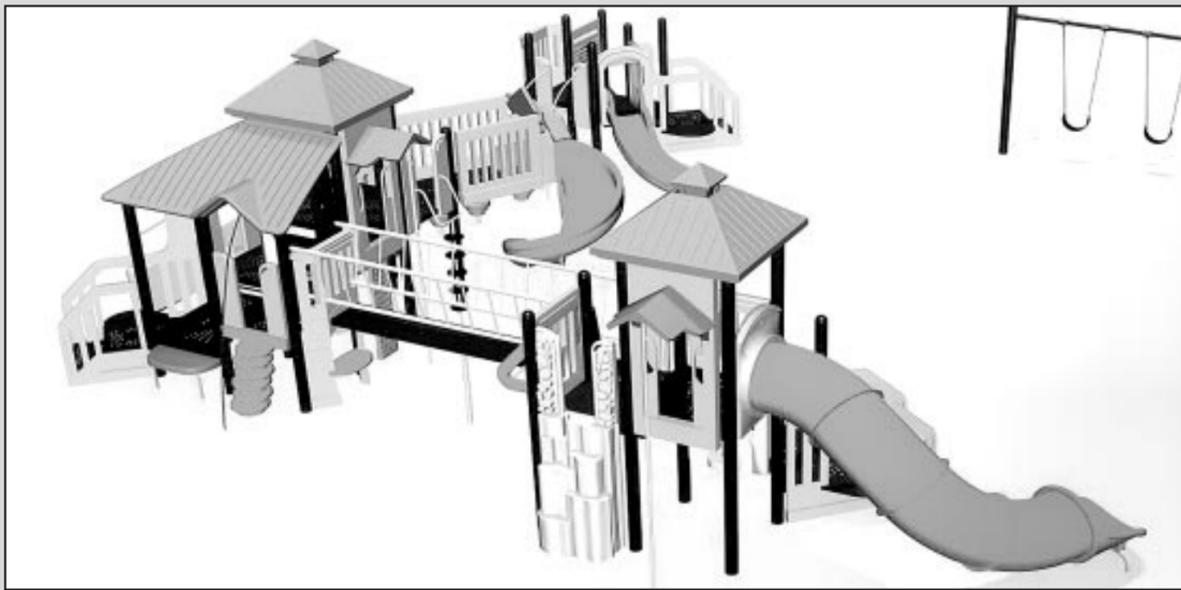
**Staff Sgt. Timothy Erwing**  
Section leader,  
Combat Service Co., 3rd Marine Regiment



"I want to be efficient and professional at all times, wherever the Marine Corps takes me."

**Lance Cpl. Don Christie**  
Rifleman,  
Alpha Co., 1/3

## For the keiki



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Construction on a new Super Playground (shown above), located at Risley Field, is anticipated to be complete some time between December 2002 - January 2003. The existing Super Playground (shown below), located in the commissary parking lot, is scheduled to be removed sometime in November to make room for construction of the new MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay post office.



# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

## Third Marine Regiment in the Philippines

### Major Richard Sater

U.S. Air Force,  
Joint Task Force 510

CAMP NAVARRO, ZAMBOANGA CITY, Republic of the Philippines — Afghanistan draws most of the attention, but Operation Enduring Freedom has a counterpart mission in the Philippines.

Joint Task Force 510 is its hub: U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force troops deployed here to work with their Philippine counterparts in honing skills to fight terrorism.

From the Philippine perspective, the U.S. presence is not Operation Enduring Freedom but Balikatan, which means "shoulder to shoulder" in Tagalog, this country's language. The two militaries have a history of joint, combined training exercises under that banner.

Kicking off Jan. 31, this year's Balikatan - with its emphasis on counter-terrorism - differed markedly from its predecessors. The focal point was the U.S. Army Special Forces, working with the Philippine army at the battalion level, and, later, the company level, on the island of Basilan.

This small island is the habitat of the Abu Sayyaf Group, a terrorist organization with historical links to al Qaida. The ASG has proven to be a formidable enemy to the island's citizens as well as a potential threat to U.S. troops.

The Marine Corps element in JTF 510 has included Marine engineers from the 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Service Support Group, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan; and infantrymen from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

The engineers teamed with U.S. Navy Seabees to make up the U.S. Naval Construction Task Group, commanded



Major Richard Sater

**U.S. Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, part of the Marine Security Element, prepare to convoy to a work site from Camp Aggie, the Navy Seabee headquarters camp on Basilan Island.**

by Marine Lt. Col. Brian Hearnberger, under JTF 510 - about 230 strong, including 130 Marines.

The NCTG stood up in April on Basilan and was tasked with repairing more than 80 kilometers of road, drilling five water wells, building four bridges and a boat dock, renovating an abandoned airstrip, and clearing helicopter landing zones.

The projects were specifically designed to improve the accessibility of the island for the Army.

Approximately 120 Marine infantry made up JTF 510's Marine Security Element, commanded by Lt. Col. Al Adler, also from 3rd Marine Regiment, MCB Hawaii.



Major Richard Sater

**Marines from 1/3, fortify a guard post at Camp Aggie, the Seabee headquarters camp on Basilan Island, Philippines.**

Marine Security Element teams were responsible for securing NCTG crews at the worksites. An MSE team generally consisted of 11 Marines and one Navy

corpsman, with a contingent of Philippine soldiers attached as well.

For the young Marines in the MSE - most of whom had never been in the Philippines or trained in a humid jungle environment - the task of providing security presented unique challenges. The work demanded not only physical but mental alertness as well.

But as one sergeant pointed out, the test for success was simple: Did everyone go home at the end of the day? If so, mission accomplished.

Upon completion of the construction projects, the NCTG retrograded toward the end of July. About two-thirds of the MSE has redeployed also; the rest remains on duty here at the JTF headquarters and at Edwin Andrews Air Base, across town, where the air assets - UH-60 helicopters and transient cargo aircraft - operate almost daily.

After the formal conclusion of Balikatan on July 31, the U.S. mission continues, transitioning to a long-term security cooperation mission with an emphasis on counterterrorism. The mission, expected to run through the end of October, also includes humanitarian aid and medical outreach programs.

The Marines continue to be a critical element in the force protection of the U.S. troops and assets here on this alternate front for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Marine Col. W.S. Aitken commands the Marine forces here. Joint Task Force 510, commanded by U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, oversees all U.S. forces in country for Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. The U.S. presence is by invitation of the president of the Philippines.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Corporal Jesse A. Canfield, a mechanic with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, explains how the Bambi Bucket works to Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

# Hawaii Marines receive Bambi's help

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
*Combat Correspondent*

When most people are asked of whom or what is "Bambi", they automatically think of Walt Disney's masterpiece and not Marine Aircraft Group 24's newly received firefighting tool.

The lesser-known "Bambi", was formally presented by Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and two Base Safety Center representatives to the commanding officer of MAG-24 at Hangar 101, Aug. 7.

The Bambi Buckets are a helicopter-borne integrated firefighting system, which can hold up to 420 gallons of water and weighs 3,667 pounds when full.

"The Bambi Bucket is a much-improved helicopter firefighting system," said Major Robert A. Thaler, safety officer, MAG-24. "It carries the same amount of water as the old fiberglass buckets, but is lighter, more durable, and collapsible. The system can easily fit inside a helicopter to transport it to any location."

"A helicopter with a Bambi Bucket is an efficient, independent fire-fighting vehicle," said Blandon Picl, safety tech-

nician, Base Safety Center, MCB Hawaii, K-Bay. "It creates the opportunity to put more water on the fire than any other system, at less cost."

The buckets are essential tools for the Marine Corps to protect the local wildlife and endangered species aboard the Mokapu Peninsula.

"We have orders on base to protect the Red-Footed Booby Bird Colony and in order for us to use the range, we must supply efficient firefighting equipment," said Picl.

In addition to using the buckets for extinguishing fires aboard base, the buck-

ets may also be used to help the local community in their time of need.

"It seems every year there are several local fires and the Marine Corps can assist the local fire departments in putting out these fires," said Picl.

All in all, the buckets will add and enhance the aerial fire suppression readiness of the base.

"The Bambi Bucket has proven itself as the most powerful and effective weapon for aerial fire suppression," said Picl.

The new buckets are maintained by Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, and will be ready for use in a few weeks.

**DEVIL  
DOGS**



**Sergeants and below** who dare to become Combat Correspondents and would pride themselves on telling the Marine Corps story can seize the opportunity with a lateral move into the 4341 occupational field. Contact Gunnery Sgt. Rhys Evans, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, public affairs chief, at 257-8832 or 257-8840, for more information.

**HEROES, From A-1**

jagged rock formation.

A local volunteer lifeguard, Jonathan K. Scarborough, who was surfing at the time, heard the emergency whistle blow from the lifeguard tower and saw the children screaming and splashing for help.

The quick response of the surfer and the lifeguards jumped into action as they headed toward the kids.

As both parents on the shore watched the heroic rescue, the volunteer lifeguard carried Luke and Maria on his surfboard.

He was also assisted by Noa Alo, a lifeguard, and rescue craft operator, MCB Hawaii, who helped bring both kids back into the arms of their relieved parents.

"I did what I love to do," said Alo. "I like helping people and love the fact that I can save lives."

The lifeguards like what they do and have developed a proactive method to teach and educate patrons visiting the beach.

Immediately following the rescue, the lifeguards took the family to the tower for an educational brief on the ocean conditions and safety procedures to follow

while enjoying a day at the beach.

They went over the flag system and reviewed some of the warning signs posted up and down the beach.

The lifeguards turned a bad situation into an educational experience for the kids and their parents in an attempt to give a positive lesson to a negative incident.

"Education of the beach conditions and the flag system is the key in saving lives," said Jeff Barbieto, head lifeguard, in charge of training, MCB Hawaii. "We stop people entering the beach and let them know what the beach conditions and warnings are for that day.

"Our system is proactive instead of reactive to emergencies. In fact, using this system has lowered our percentage of incidents."

"I'm really happy that the lifeguards were on duty," said Mark S. Szarmazch, deputy Provost Marshall, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "The beaches can't be open without them. I was so relieved when they brought my children back to shore."

MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's beaches are breathtaking. They truly offer beachgoers with a little taste of heaven on earth.

These near drownings along K-Bay beaches this past weekend remind us of the potential dan-

gers that can surface at anytime.

When visiting the beaches, be safe, read the signs, and always talk to the lifeguards about the water and surf conditions of the day.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

**First response procedures are practiced by lifeguards aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in order to stand ready when the time is called upon to save a life.**